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## BLANKET PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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Sir:

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